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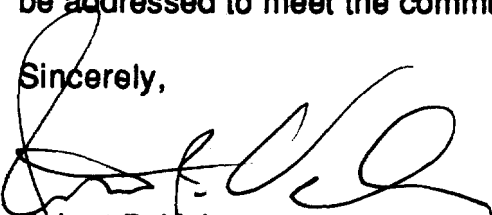
I have been informed that the commission is currently considering a proposal to "refarm" the radio spectrum. It is my understanding that the intent of this Spectrum Refarming is to improve technology and to develop significant numbers of additional radio channels. However, I am concerned that the proposal and the potential rewrite of the rules governing land mobile and public safety may have serious consequences for public safety agencies.

I am informed by my communications consultant that these changes would require a significant change-out and replacement of our radio system in the next few years. In addition, I am advised that there may be additional requirements to reduce power output of our transmitters which could seriously hamper our communications capabilities.

I would recommend that the commission extend the deadline of February 26, 1993, for comments regarding this issue to allow all public safety communications consultants to properly analyze the proposals prior to commission action.

Thank you for your consideration. I am confident that the interests of public safety can be addressed to meet the communications needs for the future.

Sincerely,


Robert B. Vales
Chief of Police

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